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INR OBEREMKO (USSR) SOUGHT MISSION OFFICER OUT THIS NOON TO TALK
H ABOUT BERLIN. MAIN POINTS HE MADE IN ENSUING LONG CONVERSATION
EUR WERE:

1. THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATION EXCEPT AT SUMMIT LEVEL. HE TOTALLY DISCOUNTED FOREIGN MINISTER OR OTHER LEVELS AS BEING INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING REAL AGREEMENT.
2. HE ASKED WHETHER WE WERE PLANNING TO BRING ISSUE TO UN IF SUMMIT CONFERENCE WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO US AND VOLUNTEERED THAT THIS WOULD BE USELESS REITERATING THAT SUMMIT CONFERENCE WAS ONLY WAY.
3. HE SAID THAT IF THERE WERE NOT SUMMIT CONFERENCE BEFORE MAY 27 USSR WOULD SIGN TREATY WITH EAST GERMANY. WHEN US TRUCKS THEN ARRIVED AT BORDERS EAST GERMANS WOULD NOT LET THEM THROUGH.
4. HE MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS TO FIND OUT WHETHER WE HAD ANY COUNTER-PROPOSALS. THESE INQUIRIES RELATED MORE TO SOVIET PROPOSALS ON GERMAN PEACE TREATY THAN TO BERLIN.

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